

THIS WEEK @SPLDECATUR

Sunday 4/22

- 9:15 am Education Classes for all ages
- 9:15 am Red Letter Challenge - Pastor's Class (Dining Room)
- 9:15 am Mission: Texas - Team Meeting (Great Room)

Monday 4/23

Tuesday 4/24

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study - *Ruth* (Family Room)
- 6:15 pm Lay Ministry (Conference Room)

Wednesday 4/25

- 9:30 am Motivated by More: Chair Fitness (Room 122)
- 10:30 am Ministry to Mature (Conference Room)
- 6:30 pm SPL Youth Wednesday Night (Room 122)
- 6:30 pm Red Letter Challenge Group Study (Conference Rm)
- 6:30 pm 20s/30s Group - RLC (Dining Room)
- 6:30 pm ManUP Men's Ministry (Small Conference Room)

Thursday 4/26

- 5:45 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 6:30 am Men's Bible Study (Conference Room)
- 9:30 am Motivated by More Exercise (Room 122)
- 1:00 pm Hinz Bible Study (Family Room)
- 5:30 pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday 4/27 *Flapjack Friday @French Academy*

Saturday 4/28 *Message - "Red Letter Challenge: Giving"*

- 7:00 am ManUP Men's Ministry (Conference Room)
- 9:00 am Confirmation Rehearsal & Testimonies (Sanctuary)
- 4:00 pm Praise Team Worship Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
- 6:00 pm Contemporary Worship (SPL Kids - 6:30pm)
- 7:15 pm Red Letter Challenge Group Study (Conference Rm)

Sunday 4/29 *Message - "Red Letter Challenge: Giving"*

- 10:30 am 8th Grade Confirmation (at 10:30am Worship)

April Actual Giving

\$ 123,113 as of 4/15

April Budgeted Giving

\$ 124,916 as of 4/15

2018 Annual Budget =
\$2,360,500

Year to date shortage =
\$ 53,475

WE WORSHIP...

Last Weekend in Worship: 815
Four Week Worship Average: 814

...BETTER TOGETHER!

OUR BELIEF: Receiving the Lord's Supper

The Apostle Paul wrote, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup." (1 Corinthians 11:28) In order to examine yourself before attending the Lord's Supper, when offered, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Do I believe I am a sinner, and am I sorry for my sins?
2. Do I believe Jesus, by His death, offers me forgiveness for all my sins?
3. Do I believe I receive the body and blood of Jesus in and with the bread and wine? (*They are not merely symbolically present.*)
4. Do I truly desire to turn from my sinful ways?

If you are able to answer "yes" to these questions, we invite you to join us for the Lord's Supper, when offered. Children and adults who cannot answer affirmatively are invited and encouraged to come forward for a blessing but should refrain from receiving the bread and wine.*

*For those who are unable, or prefer not to consume wine, cups with white grape juice are located in the center of the communion trays.

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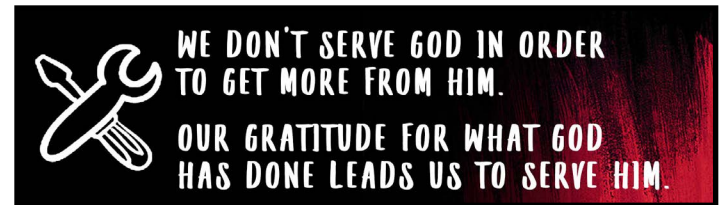


6:00 PM & 10:30 AM WORSHIP

April 21 & 22, 2018

PASTOR ERIC TRICKEY

PASTOR MARK GEARIG



Thought Before Worship

"The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service." --Billy Graham

Call to Worship

Alive in You

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Opening Praise

Soul On Fire

Oh Praise the Only One

Confession and Absolution

Jesus, I was born to serve, and I have devoted so much of my life to serving my own self-interest and my sinful desires...but this type of service always leaves me empty and longing for more. Share Your beautiful mind with me Jesus. Teach me to live for the same goals that You lived for. Teach me to love like You loved. Forgive all my sin and set me free to serve You, and in serving You to find my true identity. In Your powerful name I pray. Amen.

Words of Institution

Celebrating the Lord's Supper

If you have not communed with us before, please read "Our Belief: Receiving the Lord's Supper" located on the back page. We encourage families to commune together. Prayer Ministers will be at the front and back of the Sanctuary to pray with you during this time.



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Communion Songs

Who You Say I Am

You Have Shown Us

Speak to Me

Prayers of the Church & The Lord's Prayer

A handout with this week's prayers is available at the back of the Sanctuary for those who would like to continue to pray for these concerns.

Offering

Lifesong

Our offerings, gifts, and tithes are returned to Jesus in response to His sacrificial love for us. During the offering time, please complete one of the worship cards found in the pew in front of you and pass it to the center aisle.

Message

"Red Letter Challenge: Serving"
Pastor Eric Trickey

Blessing

Closing Song

Death Arrested

Reminder: Next Sunday, April 29th at 10:30am
8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION

LET'S DO THIS! STICK WITH THE CHALLENGE
CONTINUE READING THIS WEEK
DAYS 20-26: SERVING
SHARE YOUR STORIES
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RED LETTER CHALLENGE

MESSAGE NOTES

Series of horizontal lines for message notes

Community Life Discussion Questions are available along with the weekly Prayer Concerns at the back of the Sanctuary.

Flapjack Friday at French Academy - April 27

Join us to bless the students and families of French Academy through Flapjack Friday on April 27, serving a pancake breakfast. We need a team of 15 volunteers to assist with setup, serving, and clean up from 6:30am until approximately 9am that morning. DONATIONS of fruit also needed. If you can help, contact Pastor Mark at 423-6955 or pastormark@spldecatour.org

SPL Elder Nominations - Return nominations by April 23

The Nominating Committee for the Board of Elders, under the leadership of Steve Zarndt, is currently accepting nominations for candidates for the Board of Elders for 2018-19. Please submit names of members who you feel would serve well by April 20th for consideration. (Final list of candidates will be presented in early May, prior to the Semi-Annual Voters Meeting on May 20th.)

FAMILY SERVING FAMILY: VBS 2018 - Come Aboard and Serve

It's all hands on deck for SHIPWRECKED: Rescued by Jesus VBS 2018 at SPL! Each one of you can have a role in its success as we serve the families of our community. Stop by the VBS table in the Fellowship Area today to pick up one of our Donation Needs or Amazon Wish List. Join our Serving Team in a role that fits you best - Sign Up Today! You can also help by attending our VBS prep sessions on Wednesdays (9am-12pm or 4pm-7pm) from May 9 - June 6. Online registration and info available at spldecatour.org or email jennifer@spldecatour.org.

RED LETTER CHALLENGE - Group Study

Connect with a large group study meeting at SPL - Saturday evening following 6pm worship, Sunday morning at 9:15am (Pastor's Class & WSCL), and Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm. Share your stories with us (FB, Twitter, Instagram) using #RedLetterChallenge & #SPLDecatur, or email them to info@spldecatour.org.

RED LETTER REVIVAL - May 11

Celebrate together on DAY 40 of the Red Letter Challenge! Join us at 6:30pm on Friday, May 11 as we gather for a time of testimony, praise and worship. We'll also have a time for you to pray with pastors and prayer ministers, and to pray over Pastor Eric and his family. Finish big and don't miss it - to God be the glory!

Red Cross Blood Drive - May 1

SPL will once again host a Red Cross Blood Drive on behalf of LSA. Sign up to donate blood for Tuesday, May 1 between 2-6pm (SPL Room 122) or 11am-4pm at LSA. Sign up via the kiosk by the volunteer desk at SPL or call LSA 233-2000.

Women's Ministry

WOMEN'S RETREAT - May 5

Welcome friends to "Bloom Where You're Planted" on Saturday, May 5th at SPL, featuring Bethany Schuette (Keynote) and several breakout sessions. Childcare is available, breakfast and lunch will be served. Tickets \$8.00 each - Complete your registration and get your ticket in the Fellowship Area today (by April 29th).

LWML Friends in Faith Salad Supper - May 15

Join the Central Illinois LWML at Trinity Lutheran Church on Tuesday, May 15th. Doors open 5:30pm, Dinner 6:00pm with program to follow. Bring salad, bread, or dessert to share. Sign up at the Women's Ministry kiosk or contact Carol Stafford with questions at 217-429-1025.

Children's Ministry

SPL KIDS

Worship: Saturday Evening/Sunday Morning (During Message Time): Ages 6 weeks-3 years (Nursery), 3 years-K (Rm 206), 1st-4th grade (Great Rm) 5th-6th Junior Leaders will leave with children (must have attended training)

Sunday Education (9:15am): PreK-K (Room 206), Gr. 1-4 (Room 213), Gr. 5-6 (Room 211); Building Blocks-Parents/Caretakers/Children 0-3yrs (Rm 203)

SAVE THE DATE: SHIPWRECKED VBS at SPL - June 11-15, 2018

Youth Ministry

SPL YOUTH

All Youth Gr. 7 - 12: "Cartoons & Cereal" Sundays at 9:15am (Room 122) SPL Youth Wednesday Night at 6:30pm (Room 122) - Red Letter Challenge. Come early to hang out and enjoy some snacks! Connect at http://facebook.com/groups/SPLYouth & TW/Insta @SPLDecatur.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR

Flowers on the Altar are placed to the glory of God and in celebration of the 43rd Wedding Anniversary of Noel and Karen Potts.